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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
EVALUATING FRAUD RISK IN AN
ELECTRONIC COMMERCE TRANSACTION

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PETITION TO DEFER ISSUANCE OF PATENT APPLICATION UNDER C.F.R. § 1.314

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for deferral of the issuance of the application referenced above as a patent to allow time for the Examiner to consider a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), Information Disclosure Statement, and 5 references filed concurrently herewith. The references were received from the Japanese Patent Office in an examining action in a related Japanese application. A Rule 312 Amendment is also pending. This petition is made to allow sufficient time for the Examiner to consider the pending papers.

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that applicant has shown good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary to defer issuance of the patent as requested. The petition fee is submitted concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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